

Sinclair Broadcasting's act to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry polemic only days before the election is an unconscionable violation of the public trust granted in their license.

If labelled as editorial and given an opportunity for balanced response, any speech should be protected. However, labelling this as news and airing it with no chance for critique amounts to a huge, perhaps unprecedented donation in-kind of a corporation to the Bush campaign.

In addition this case demonstrates the danger of increasing media ownership consolidation. In an arena of explicitly limited resources such as air frequencies, increasing concentration is a major problem, regardless of what biases the owners have. Only diverse owners will give air to diverse voices.

I urge the FCC to strengthen media ownership rules instead of weaken them.

Thank you for considering public input.

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